

A WOMAN GETS COURT PLACE

Thus Overturning Century-Old Tradition in District of Columbia

ELIZABETH M. MEIGS
ASSISTANT CLERK

Was Appointed by the D. C. Supreme Court
To-day

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Overturning a century old tradition, the supreme court of the District of Columbia to-day appointed a woman as assistant clerk of the court, with all the duties imposed by law on such an official. The distinction was conferred on Elizabeth M. Meigs, who for 22 years has been court cypist and indexer. Miss Meigs is the first woman since the organization of the district's highest tribunal to hold an official position in that body.

FAR WORSE ACTS ARE THREATENED

Scotland Yard Authorities Are Preparing To Meet Fresh Spite of the Suffragettes.

London, May 8.—Damage to property in the British Isles, caused by militant suffragettes during the last three months, amounts to upwards of \$5,000,000, according to an estimate by Scotland Yard authorities. To this sum must be added the increase in the cost of protecting lives and property. Three detectives have been assigned to watch over each member of the cabinet at all times, while suspected persons are shadowed by plain clothes men and all public buildings are under special guard.

To avenge the defeat of the woman's suffrage bill in the House of Commons Tuesday night and the prosecution of the officials of the workmen's social and political union, more advanced members of the militant section of the British suffragettes promise that the events of the last few days will be eclipsed by worse things to come. The authorities have been informed that many former constitutional suffragettes have joined the militant body since the defeat of the bill, and they say there is no way to tell what will happen next.

The attempt to wreck the ancient St. Paul's cathedral and the placing of other bombs in other parts of the city yesterday morning made it appear that the militant suffragettes had entered anew on their havoc-working campaign, following the defeat of the woman's suffrage bill in the House of Commons Tuesday night. Shortly after the discovery at the cathedral, the police found a similar parcel with like packing on the steps of a newspaper office in Fleet street, and the police are believed to have taken it to pieces it was discovered that it was timed to explode at midnight, but a derangement of the clock-work retarded the explosion. Apparently only this fact prevented serious damage being done to the cathedral. A number of brass screws and nails were found among the contents.

The bomb was painted black and contained two dynamite bombs with an electric battery. It was filled among other things with a substance resembling piro of coal. The police are confident that it was placed in position by militant suffragettes or persons in their employ.

"Small but fiendishly powerful" is the police officer's description of the bomb found near the high altar of St. Paul's cathedral. When the machine was taken to pieces it was discovered that it was timed to explode at midnight, but a derangement of the clock-work retarded the explosion. Apparently only this fact prevented serious damage being done to the cathedral. A number of brass screws and nails were found among the contents.

The general public is admitted to the choir and aisles of St. Paul's cathedral between 11 o'clock in the morning and 3:30 in the afternoon. The cathedral was closed entirely at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening and it appears certain that the bomb was deposited before that hour. It was found beneath a chair beside the bishop's throne at the head of the choir.

BRYAN BACK AGAIN.
CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Japanese Embassy Has Been Withholding Protest on Webb Bill Until Secretary Returned.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Secretary Bryan's first move on his return to-day from his California trip to confer with Governor Johnson on the anti-alien land bill, was for a conference with President Wilson. The Japanese embassy has been withholding a formal protest on the Webb bill for Bryan's return and it is now believed the plan will be to withhold it still longer, until an inquiry can be made of the United States as to just what this government proposes to do if Governor Johnson signs the bill and it becomes a law.

MELLEN TRIAL MAY 27.

Connecticut State's Attorney States It Will Begin on That Date.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 8.—State's Attorney Skiles Judson, in a statement to-day, announced that the trial of President Mellen and Vice-President E. H. McHenry of the New Haven railroad for manslaughter in connection with the Westport wreck last October, will begin May 27. He expects it will be finished in less than three weeks.

OVER 2,500 AGENCIES FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS

Great Increase in Efforts to Stamp Out the Disease Is Noted During the Past Year.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The annual report of Livingston Farrand, executive secretary, read to-day at the opening of the ninth annual meeting of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, showed that in two years the number of agencies connected with the movement has increased from 1,225 to over 2,000, a gain of more than 50 per cent. At the present time there are 577 sanatoriums and hospitals, 1,049 associations and committees, 400 dispensaries and clinics, and 109 open air schools and fresh air classes engaged in the anti-tuberculosis campaign in the United States.

In addition to these agencies, more than 400 state boards of health and no less than 200 local boards of health are actively co-operating in the movement. If to these agencies be added the various hospitals for the insane and penal institutions, making special provision for their tuberculous inmates, the number of agencies in the fight against consumption will aggregate more than 2,500.

During the past year the National Association has carried on an active publicity campaign through about 150 newspapers. More than 185,000 bulletins have been distributed. The Tuberculosis Day campaign held in October resulted in the preaching of not less than 60,000 sermons and addresses on tuberculosis. The Red Cross Seal campaign has produced for the various anti-tuberculosis associations throughout the United States more than \$400,000, an increase of nearly 25 per cent. over the 1911 sale.

MITCHELL IS APPOINTED.

Collector of the Port of New York After Long Tussle.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—John Purroy Mitchell, independent Democrat and president of the board of aldermen of New York, was nominated yesterday by President Wilson to be collector of the port of New York to succeed William Loeb, jr. This selection brought what the White House termed "a happy solution" to a contest in which New York state leaders of every wing of the party had taken a lively part for the last two months.

Candidates for the post, which pays \$12,000 and carries with it the appointment of an army of employees in the country's biggest customs house, were numerous from the start. Recently, the president practically determined to appoint Frank Polk, a friend of Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, but Senator O'Gorman interposed objection, declaring a more active Democrat should get the place.

For a time political circles expected a break between administration and the New York senator. Within the last two days, however, friends of Mr. Mitchell, whose candidacy had been dropped at his own wish a month ago, renewed their efforts in his behalf and when the president went to the capitol yesterday to talk with Senator O'Gorman about it, the New York senator himself suggested Mr. Mitchell as the best man for the position. The president was gratified and that Mr. McAdoo, who originally had favored Mr. Mitchell, and Senator O'Gorman and himself were in agreement, and he promptly sent the name to the Senate.

One of the reasons why Mr. Mitchell at first was said to be disinclined to have his candidacy advanced was on account of the approaching mayoralty contest next fall. Some of his friends declared last night that Mr. Mitchell had by no means eliminated himself and that the administration would not object if he resigned eventually to become a candidate for mayor of New York. The president urged Mr. Mitchell by telegraph, however, to accept the collectorship, and he did so.

LABOR LEADERS ASK STAY OF SENTENCE

So That They May Appeal Their Cases To United States Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The attorneys for Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison asked the District of Columbia court of appeals to-day to stay the mandate sentencing Gompers to thirty days in jail and fining Mitchell and Morrison \$500 each in the contempt of court judgment against the labor leaders in the Bucks stove case. The three men announcing their intention to appeal to the supreme court of the United States.

WOOLENS AND WORSTEDS.

Our Prices About Double Those in Free Trade in England.

Any one who has travelled abroad or had occasion to compare foreign prices of cloths and dress goods with those prevailing in this country knows that the average they can be bought in Europe, particularly in free trade England, at about half the price usually asked for similar goods at home. As the investigation of the tariff board has shown, there are many cloths on which the difference in price is not so great, particularly on the finer grades, while, on the other hand, the American price is more than double the English on some of the medium and cheap grades of cloth.

But, on the whole, it is safe to state that our prices on woolen and worsted cloths are about double those in England. The difference in price represents largely the toll paid by ninety-odd million Americans for the support of the half-century-old infant worsted and woolen industry. We have been vaguely aware of that fact, and yet have submitted to it for the ultimate goal of creating a raw wool supply and a fine woolen and worsted industry that would make us independent of the rest of the world and give employment to American labor at American wages.

Not until the two wings of the industry, the woolen and the worsted, fell out among themselves, and the carded wool manufacturers showed to an astonished public that the tariff, as it stood, throttled an important branch of the industry, instead of building it up, was the layman given an opportunity of getting a deeper insight into the workings of schedule K.—N. I. Stone in May Century.

120 HORSES WERE KILLED

In \$75,000 Fire in Roxbury District of Boston To-day

10 BUILDINGS BURNED AND ONE MAN HURT

Fire Was Caused by Overturning of Kettle of Fat

Boston, May 8.—Ten buildings were burned and 120 horses were killed in a \$75,000 fire in the Roxbury district of the city early this morning. Several dwellers in tenements had narrow escapes and one man, George Engman, was so seriously injured that he required treatment at a hospital.

The fire was caused by the overturning of a kettle of fat in a lunch room which was located on Warren street and it communicated to buildings on Seeger street and Harrison avenue. Included in the buildings destroyed was the livery stable of H. B. Cook. There were 121 horses in this stable and only one of them was saved.

SPARRING TO DELAY

TARIFF BILL IN HOUSE

But the Democratic Measure Is Expected to Pass Before Adjournment To Night.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Delayed in its passage last night by a parliamentary technicality, the Underwood tariff bill was engrossed to-day for presentation to the House when that body met this afternoon. Because of Democratic insistence on a point of order against a Republican motion to recommend the bill to the ways and means committee, with a view to forcing the tariff commission provision, the reading of the bill in its engrossed form was made necessary.

Parliamentary tacticians of both the majority and minority are prepared to-day for a final fray over the point of order, but that the result in view is a large Democratic majority was a foregone conclusion. There is some talk of a 30 days' recess by the House while the Senate considers the bill.

BALL PLAYERS FOUGHT.

Cleveland and Boston Men Had Rough Encounter.

Cleveland, May 8.—Ill-feeling that cropped out between the Red Sox and Naps during the game yesterday, ended in a free-for-all fight under the grandstand after the game was over. While no one was seriously hurt, there was quite a little blood spilled and Tris Speaker was spiked three times during a rough and tumble mixup.

An attempt was made to hush the matter up, and none of the players would talk about it, but the facts leaked out. The trouble began when Carrigan blocked Graney off the plate and knocked him almost unconscious, early in the game. This angered the Naps, who are not the meek and lowly players of yore, and they played like fiends after that.

In a later inning Carrigan knocked Janvin down when he tried to block him from second, and Olson spiked Foster on the knee in going into first. Then Jackson gave Carrigan a scare by coming into the plate spikes up. But Catcher Nunamaker started the real row by directing some remarks to Olson that the third-sacker did not relish. As soon as the men met in the clubhouse, blows were exchanged and in a minute nearly half the members of the two teams were mixing things up in a lively fashion.

Lajoie, "Buddy" Ryan and Jack Graney are said to have rapped some Boston heads pretty hard, while the Red Sox, notably Speaker, showed some fistic skill.

Capt. Wagner says he knows nothing about it, as he has been banished from the field and was in another part of the clubhouse.

Manager Birmingham admitted that there was a rather hot time, but declined to discuss the matter further than to say that his men took good care of themselves in the scrap.

WOMAN DIED SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Charles M. Brooks of Middlebury Had Heart Trouble.

Middlebury, May 8.—Mrs. Charles M. Brooks died suddenly at her home on Washington street about four o'clock Wednesday morning of heart trouble. Mrs. Brooks was ill during the winter and had so far recovered as to be able to be about again. She was down town Tuesday afternoon and seemed well. She went to bed as usual, but died about four o'clock in the morning before medical aid could be secured. She was 62 years of age. She leaves a husband, one son, Noble Brooks, who with his family, lives with his parents, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Hale, of Logan Port, Ind. Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral will be held from her late home Friday afternoon at one o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot in the New Haven cemetery.

TWENTY IN JAIL.

Marshfield, Ore., Is Having Trouble with the I. W. W.

Marshfield, Ore., May 8.—Twenty men are in jail here and trouble is threatened by members of the Industrial Workers of the World as a result of the enforcement Tuesday night by orders of Mayor Strawn against street speaking in the business section. Among those arrested was C. W. Ellis, secretary of the Coos Bay Socialist party.

FOUND GIRL'S BODY IN SHALLOW CISTERN

Miss Nora J. Shouldice, Former Telephone Operator in Rutland, Had Not Been Well—Had Threatened to Kill Herself.

Rutland, May 8.—Returning yesterday afternoon to her home in North Clarendon, a small town four miles south of this city, Mrs. Dennis Shouldice found her 20-year-old niece, Nora J. Shouldice, a former telephone operator in the Rutland exchange, dead in a cistern behind the house. The young woman had evidently been dead about an hour. Miss Shouldice was very nervous and for this reason was forced to give up her position in the telephone office. She was visiting at the home of her aunt.

Whether or not the girl took her life is not known. She was subject to fainting spells but on the other hand the cistern in which she was found contained only four feet of water. A rope and eating that the girl had lost her balance while drawing water with which to finish some mopping in which she had been engaged.

Miss Shouldice had threatened to kill herself and there were no marks on the body indicating that she was stunned. She is survived by her father and four brothers, all of whom live in this city.

SQUELCHED MAYOR BURKE

Burlington Alderman Also Scored Unauthorized Purchase of Auto Truck.

Burlington, May 8.—The Burlington board of aldermen last night refused to listen to Mayor Burke, who started to address them, they chastised the electric light commissioners unmercifully for ordering a motor truck without authority from the board.

Alderman Dion was the member who again raised the issue of whether or not Mayor Burke should be allowed to address the board. He was supported by a majority of the members, and the vote was against allowing Mr. Burke to talk. The mayor made a strenuous effort to get in a word, but Chairman Drew tapped sharply for order. Mr. Burke declared that the refusal to allow him to talk was an insult (rap, rap, rap) to the mayor of the city and that people he represented (rap, rap, rap). Personal charges had been made, he said, and a series of sharp raps effectively silenced the mayor and he retired to a rear seat.

The eyes of the aldermen were opened through a curious chain of circumstances. It all came about through the purchase of an automobile truck for the municipal electric light department. It appears that the electric light commissioners, Dr. Walter S. Vincent, J. J. Childs and P. E. Knight, authorized Superintendent MacBroom to buy a truck from the General Vehicle company. No authority was asked from the board and the latter body knew nothing of the proposed purchase until the light commissioners came in last Monday night and asked to have the sum of \$1,920 appropriated for the truck. It had been found necessary to pay 25 per cent. of the invoice price in advance so the commissioners wanted the approval of the board.

A resolution authorizing the purchase of the truck was laid on the table last night.

NORWICH PLAYED POORLY.

Was Defeated by New Hampshire State College in Five Innings.

Northfield, May 8.—Norwich lost a five-inning game to New Hampshire State college here yesterday by a score of 9 to 2. Norwich made her two runs in the first two innings and held the lead until the second on a three-bagger by Jones, followed by a single by Welsh. In the fourth Welsh started things by getting a three-base hit which Burke followed with a single. Four errors and a homer hit brought in four more runs. In the fifth Jones got a single and Welsh another three-bagger, then Buruel and Reardon each got a single, bringing in three runs.

The Norwich team played poor ball, nine errors being made in the five innings. New Hampshire played a perfect fielding game. The game was called in the sixth to allow the visitors to get their train.

Batteries Murray and Munsell; Bisell and Welsh. Umpire—Wilder.

STOLEN TEAM RECOVERED.

And Man Under Arrest Charged With Stealing Animal.

St. Albans, May 8.—The horse and carriage owned by Dr. T. R. Waugh, which disappeared early this week, were found yesterday morning near Chateaugay, N. Y., and the doctor's hostler, Eugene Morgan, captured last night at Lion Mountain, N. Y., is in the county jail here, charged with theft.

Morgan had exchanged the carriage for another at Chateaugay, but the stolen vehicle was recovered later. When he found himself pursued he abandoned the horse and carriage which he was driving by the roadside and took to the woods. Chief J. F. Mahoney of the local police conducted the successful search.

NO EXEMPTION VOTED.

Because Burlington Voters Wouldn't Give Time Enough to Vote.

Burlington, May 8.—When a proposition to exempt for a period of ten years a plant of the Shepard & Morse Lumber company, to take the place of property recently burned, came before a city meeting of 700 voters in the city hall yesterday afternoon, Mayor Burke had no sooner explained the call when a motion to adjourn indefinitely was made, and the motion was promptly seconded. When the adjournment motion was put to a vote there was a mighty "Aye" and an equally mighty "No." So Mayor Burke put the motion again and there was a strong "Aye" and not a peep from the "Noes." Therefore, the meeting adjourned without taking action on the proposition.

OUT OF QUARANTINE.

No More Smallpox at Hinesburg After Long Siege of It.

Hinesburg, May 8.—The quarantine was removed this week from the last of the smallpox cases on the hill, after the disease had been running for more than three months. It was confined to three families and is thought to have been brought from Barre. There were nine cases in all.

MAN'S RASH ACT UNEXPLAINED

Louis Ather, a Popular Waterbury Resident, Killed Himself

ACT WAS COMMITTED AT TICONDEROGA, N. Y.

He Left Waterbury for That Place on Tuesday—Deed Done Yesterday

Waterbury, May 8.—The body of Louis Ather, a well-known and popular young man of this town, reached here this afternoon from Ticonderoga, N. Y., where the young man went on Tuesday of this week and where he committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. No reason for the act is given, and the news of the affair came as a great shock to many people here.

The young man was 35 years of age and was born in Waterbury, being the son of Joseph and Sophia Larave Ather. He had always lived in Waterbury and was recently employed by Warner Moody, being considered industrious and a capable man. At intervals, too, he had been employed in the Demeritt-Palmer packing factory at Randolph.

He leaves his mother, three brothers and five sisters. The brothers are Joseph, Edward and William, all of Waterbury; and the sisters are Mrs. Sophie Merchant and Mrs. Nellie Turner of Waterbury. Mrs. Mary Jones of Hardwick, Mrs. Melinda Colby of Morrisville, and Mrs. Eliza Miner of Berlin, N. Y.

The funeral will be held from the home of his mother in Colbyville Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MUST TAKE EXAMINATIONS.

Fourth-Class Postmaster Regulation Is Changed By Wilson.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—All fourth class postmasterships, except those paying less than \$180 a year, were thrown open to competitive examinations by President Wilson. These positions, about 50,000 incumbents of which were "covered" in the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations, will have to meet all comers in competitive examination in order to hold their positions with civil service protection.

In a statement making this order public, Postmaster General Burleson announced that it was the purpose of the department to extend the classified service to include presidential postmasters of the second and third-class positions within a year. This may require legislation by Congress, he said. His plan which will be laid before the president soon, would provide for a qualification test for incumbents and applicants "in keeping with the importance of the offices."

Under President Taft's orders of October 15, 1912, fourth-class postmasters were divided into two classes, class A, those drawing more than \$500 and class B, those drawing less than \$500. Competitive examinations were prescribed for future applications for class A appointments, while the class B positions were to be filled upon recommendation of postoffice inspectors. Yesterday's order leaves only the offices paying \$180 or less to be filled upon inspectors' reports.

Rules and regulations to govern the administration of the new order will be worked out and announced by the civil service commission as soon as possible.

WORKMAN WAS CRUSHED.

Austin Cheney, Hurt at Penacook, Dies in Hospital.

Penacook, N. H., May 8.—Austin Cheney, who has been employed at the Stratton Co. flour mills for the past five months, was fatally injured yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by being caught between a car and a building. When taken out by fellow workmen it was seen that Cheney was badly injured.

Dr. Rowe was called and found that one arm was fractured and the body badly bruised. It was feared that he had also received internal injuries. He was removed in the doctor's auto to the Margaret Pillsbury hospital, where he died at 8:15 p. m.

RETURNED THE CHECK.

Representative Stevens Doesn't Take His \$1,100.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Representative Stevens yesterday declined to accept the check tendered him as a member of Congress since March 4, on the ground that he was serving at that time in the New Hampshire legislature. The check was for \$1,100, and was returned by Mr. Stevens to the government.

CHOKED TO DEATH.

Oldtown, Me., Man Victim of a Piece of Beefsteak.

Oldtown, Me., May 8.—Albert H. Chase, while eating breakfast in the restaurant at Hotel Frankfort yesterday morning, choked over a piece of beefsteak which became lodged in his throat, and died in a few minutes in spite of the efforts of a physician, who removed the steak at once.

Chase was for several years a railroad engineer.

SALEM PLUMBERS RESUME.

Were Given \$4.50 a Day and a 44-Hour Week.

Salem, Mass., May 8.—The one hundred journeymen plumbers, who had been on strike for ten days, returned to work this morning, having accepted the proposition of their employers of \$4.50 a day and a 44-hour week.

LIVERY STABLE TRANSFER.

Page Bros. Sell To N. L. Murray of Graniteville.

As the result of an important business transfer recently completed, the livery and feed stables on Prospect street owned for twenty-four years by Page Bros., become the property of N. L. Murray, who combines with his new purchase the livery business which he has hitherto conducted at upper Graniteville. The deal was consummated only recently and Mr. Murray has already taken possession of the Prospect street stables. He has moved his family to this city and will make his home on Upland avenue.

The business disposed of by Will S. Page of this city and Nat D. Page of Plainfield was established by them a score and four years ago. It is one of the oldest livery stands in the city and through years of honest business methods the founders have built up one of the most attractive establishments in Barre. W. S. Page has had immediate charge of the business for some years and it was owing to his constantly increasing veterinary practice that he decided to relinquish interest in the livery establishment. Mr. Page will continue to have his offices on Prospect street.

In the deal, the new owner leaves the barns and offices from R. L. Clark, who had disposed of holdings on Prospect street to the Barre Granite railroad. At that time, it was said, he intended to transfer his milling and feed business to the Page property, but for reasons which have since developed, his original plans have been changed.

By combining the Graniteville and Barre stables, Mr. Murray now has one of the largest and best appointed livery barns in the city. The number of horses available for use has been increased. The new proprietor will maintain the square deal policy early adopted by Page Bros., and will continue to do business along the lines followed by the original owners.

COUNTY COURT ADJOURNS.

Some Divorces Granted, Other Cases Continued to September Term.

County court adjourned yesterday noon, with a large number of contested divorce cases continued until the September term of court. Yesterday a bill was granted Lucy Broggi from Walter Broggi, on the charge of intolerable severity, and Mrs. Broggi was given permission to resume her maiden name.

The divorce case of Lulu Demeritt from Newell Demeritt, both of Waterbury, was heard and left with the court, a report to be received later. The decree in the divorce suit of Elvira Polette from Marco Polette, as rendered at the March term of 1911, was set aside, an error being made, and the case will have to be tried at the next term.

SENTENCES LENGTHENED.

Because of Broken Paroles—New Commitment Papers Being Issued.

Rutland, May 8.—Sheriff E. C. Fish has served commitment papers issued by Governor Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish which demonstrated the value of the maximum and minimum punishment system for persons who are given time off for good behavior while in jail.

Thomas J. Carroll of this city, who in 1908 received a sentence in city court to serve not less than three nor more than five years. Before the other two years were up he became intoxicated and now he goes back to jail for practically a two-year sentence.

John Burke of Fair Haven, while on parole after serving a third of a three-year sentence for breach of the peace, impeded a policeman, who was trying to arrest his brother and he will have to serve two years on the old sentence before beginning to do time on the new one.

David Sherman of this city, who was sentenced by Rutland county court recently to serve two years for larceny, has the tail end of a burglary sentence at state prison hanging over him.

Middle Mann of West Rutland is another respondent whose intemperance led him to break his parole. He has six months on a breach of the peace sentence to serve as a result.

Ralph Wiggins of Springfield, Mass., who in 1911 was sentenced by Windsor county court to be confined until the remainder of his minority, three years, at the industrial school at Vergennes for burglary, and was a month later sent to the house of correction for breaking the school rules, was to-day taken back to Vergennes on order of Governor Fletcher.

BRAKEMAN LOST FOOT.

When He Attempted to Kick Coupler Into Position.

White River Junction, May 8.—While coupling freight cars here yesterday afternoon in the yards of Harold Campbell, a brakeman had his right foot crushed so badly between two cars that it was necessary to amputate it above the ankle later at the Hanover hospital where he was taken following the accident.

Campbell, who was 27 years old attempted to kick the knuckle of the car bumper into place with his foot, instead of placing himself between the two cars as is customary. His foot slipped and was caught between the two bumpers as the cars came together.

CLOSES THEATRE VOLUNTARILY.

Winooski Amusement Place Affected by the Smallpox.

Winooski, May 8.—Manager H. L. Strong has closed the Bijou theatre for a few weeks and will go to his home in North Hartland, returning later to resume business. The act is voluntary on his part, and is due to the smallpox and the great decrease in attendance. During his absence he will get a theatre in readiness at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., in which he is a partner.

MUCH CORN BURNED.

In Fire at Winooski Last Evening: Cause Unknown.

Winooski, May 8.—A corn barn belonging to Oliver Dupay on lower West Allen street was destroyed by fire last night. Four hundred bushels of corn were destroyed. The building had burned to the ground when the fire department reached the scene and the origin of the blaze is unknown.

Weather Forecast.

Fair to-night and Friday; frost to-night in the interior. Moderate north to northeast winds.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

State Sprung a Surprise in the Wells Murder Trial To-day

WIFE OF RESPONDENT WENT ON TRIAL

Told How Her Husband Had Tried to Make Her Commit Suicide

St. Albans, May 8.—The state sprung a surprise in the Wells murder case in Franklin county court to-day by putting Mrs. Anna Wells on the stand against her husband, who is charged with causing the death of his son, Louis, aged 6, by administering poison in the form of arsenic. Mrs. Wells is charged with the same offense and that she would appear before the jury before her trial was called was evidently entirely unexpected, the plan having been carefully kept a secret by the state.

Mrs. Wells made it plain that she was there from choice and that she understood she was not obliged to testify against her husband.

Question by Attorney General Brown. Mrs. Wells said her husband brought her oranges while she was in the county jail, two at one time and six at another, in which there was paris green. He told her to tell her attorney, S. S. Cushing, that they had been given her by Mrs. Julia Fisher, his sister. Mrs. Wells also said that Mr. Wells brought her some paris green in a little tin box and told her to take it because the people thought he killed the children and if she took the poison it would save him.

Mrs. Wells also said she told her to act as if she were insane, and she did try to make the jail officials think she was insane the day the poison was found on her, because Wells told her that if she didn't take the poison or act insane they would kill her in the electric chair and burn her body with acid. She promised him, testified the witness, that she would take the poison, but she didn't take it.

Mrs. Wells testified that a woman detective was in the jail the day the paris green was given her. She said that from that day till the day she was searched and the poison was found on her she cried most of the time, and the detective woman asked her what she was crying about.

Coming to the alleged crime itself, Mrs. Wells said that the morning the children were taken sick Mr. Wells got up before she did. He had condensed milk with his breakfast and went to his work as usual, being about the dining